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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 00649

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SUBJ: WALDHEIM AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN TEHRAN: A NON-EVENT

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1. PRESS JAN. 16 CARRIED STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER
KHALATBARY THAT UNSYG WALDHEIM HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
AN IRANIAN OPPOSITION GROUP WHILE IN TEHRAN, BUT HAD
DECLINED TO MEET WITH THE GROUP. FONMIN SAID HUMAN RIGHTS
WERE NOT RAISED IN WALDHEIM'S TALKS HERE (REFTEL), BUT SAID
HE WOULD HAVE LIKED WALDHEIM TO MEET WITH OPPOSITIONIST
GROUP TO "BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR INTERPRETATION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS". KHALATBARY CHARACTERIZED RECENT PROTESTS
ON OCCASION OF ANNIVERSARIES OF BANNING OF VEIL AND OF LAND
REFORM AS VERY ODD WAY TO "DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS" BY
DEPRIVING FARMERS, WORKERS AND WOMEN OF THEIR RIGHTS".
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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: KHALATBARY PRONOUNCEMENT WAS
UNUSUAL POST-HOC TREATMENT OF A MATTER WHICH HAD NOT
COME UP AT ALL DURING WALDHEIM VISIT. UN OFFICE HERE
IS VERY RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS SUBJECT AND CLAIMS ALL THE
DETAILS OF MEETING, CONTACT, ETC. WERE HANDLED BY SYG'S
PARTY. HOWEVER, RESREP UNBENT ENOUGH TO INDICATED HE
"THOUGHT" WALDHEIM HAD GOTTEN LETTER, AND UN PRESS OFFICER

SAID HE "DID'T THINK" THERE HAD BEEN A MEETING, BUT
COULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY IT. EMBASSY'S BEST
GUESS IS THAT WALDHEIM TOOK VERY PRUDENT STANCE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS BECAUSE HE HAD BIGGER FISH TO FRY (I.E.,
GREATER IRANIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UN; MIDEAST PEACE MOVES)
AND KHALATBARY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THIS WITH COMMENT
DESIGNED TO SHOW UN NOT HIGHLY CONCERNED WITH HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION HERE WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY PICTURING
GOI VERY RELAXED ON MATTER.
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